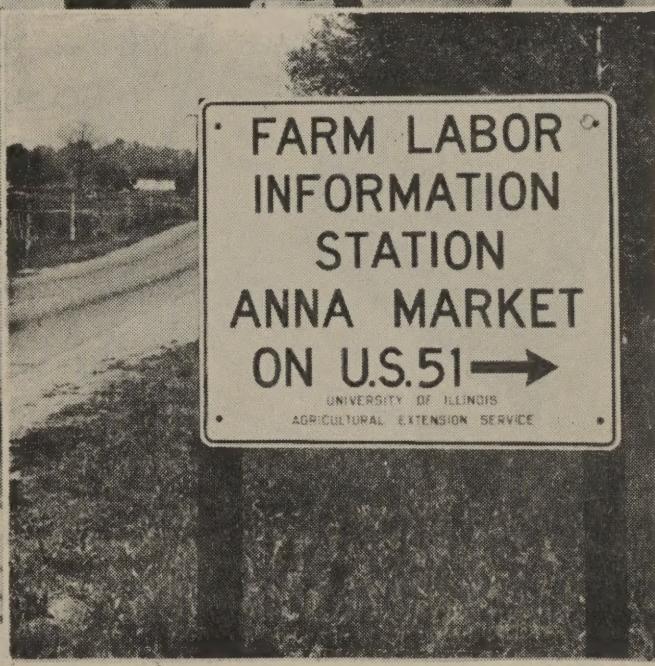


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At Anna, Ill., information station: 1 to r, E. C. McInnis, assistant area director; L. F. Aldrich, southern Illinois area fieldman; C. C. Jones and R. E. Plott, F/L assistants.



'INFO' STATIONS - 50 OF 'EM, GATHER MIGRANT DATA

Western, Great Plains and South and East Central states are having new F/L experiences. These come out of operations at information stations - a system patterned after practices in the East Coast's migratory labor program since 1943. Out of information being gathered at all these stations - almost 50 of 'em - will come the first recorded accurate national data on the several migratory labor movements.

F/L information stations are operated in 25 states, but serve other states which do not have stations. They reach from Florida to Washington State, Texas to Michigan, and Arizona to New Jersey.

An Illinois station and the type of roadside sign used to direct farm job seekers to it, are pictured on this page. Regional information is fed to these stations by area offices which compile supply and demand data from the states. Local information comes from county agent and other Extension F/L offices.

Road signs such as pictured above are bought at a cost of \$18.61 each. Illinois uses 8. They were designed and located by the state highway department which loaned the posts and helped in erection. Each sign is 36x42 inches, and made of 1/8th inch aluminum covered with white scotchlite reflecting cloth on which 4 inch black letters are superimposed. It is highly visible, day or night.

These stations reached large numbers of farm job seekers. At Anna, Ill., for instance, between May 15 and June 15 information was given to 699 persons traveling in small groups. Three groups were Latin-Americans from Texas. The other were Anglo-Saxons from 15 states.

At Bloomington, Ill., during the same period 21 crews (432 persons) stopped. All groups but 1 were Latin-Americans and 18 were from Texas, in crews ranging from 26 to 56 persons.

In the same period at Brookport, Ill., four crews containing 188 workers were checked.

Out west a weekly report from 18 of 20 information stations shows interviews with 333

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Last Farmers Use Housing Helps.

Attractive publications designed to help farmers meet farm labor housing problems, have been developed in Illinois and New Jersey F/L programs. Copies - 5 pieces - are herewith.

In Illinois State Supervisor Murphy, cooperating with the agricultural engineering department, University of Illinois, has produced a 16-page booklet titled, "Housing Seasonal Farm Workers". It includes 4 pages of text and 12 of plans for housing one to four families, and wash, shower and sanitary buildings. Demand has necessitated a second edition.

New Jersey's Supervisor Taylor, cooperating with the Extension agricultural engineer, Rutgers University, has produced a set of 4 housing folders presented as "A Plan for Every Need". No. 1 relates to a 2-room house-kitchen-dining room, and living-bedroom combinations. No. 2 is a bunkhouse suitable for 6 single or 12 double bunks. No. 3 is a 2-room wash and toilet house with accommodations for two 45-person groups. No. 4 is a messhall-kitchen, seating 16 persons.

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ing program including the schools for prospective workers. Parents also were attracted.

Likewise a swell job was done in the 'Farm Weekly' magazine section of the Sioux City, Iowa, Journal thru special material covering the tractor schools operated for South Dakota youth by Zach Wipf, assistant state F/L supervisor. The coverage included the Page 1 illustration and an inside page of pictures and text.

In Nebraska, Extension Editor George Round developed a 'big help' for State Supervisor Snipes and the wheat harvest program when his good relations with Bill MacDonald, farm service director at radio station KFAB, Lincoln, produced a daily 15-minute broadcast, handled by Round and Supervisor Snipes, for two weeks during the harvesting peak.

A special series of grain harvest stories, running almost 2 weeks and capped with a Page 1 story on the "Hamptown" harvesting combine outfit, appeared in the Chicago Tribune as a result of sparking done by information service in the federal F/L office. Likewise, thru cooperation of state F/L people, the federal F/L information office and Carroll Streeter, the managing editor of Farm Journal, the "Here Come the Combines" story appeared in the August issue of that national magazine. Thru the efforts of Streeter, the story also circled the globe thru the August issue of Reader's Digest.

Needed Several states have sent particularly good F/L pictures, but more are needed, especially those reflecting major emphasis in the 1947 program.

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Info' Stations Gather

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groups - 901 persons 14 or more years old; 251 less than 14, from 30 states, Canada and Mexico.

In Central states program 12 stations in 7 states report 2604 persons sought information April 15 thru Aug. 15. The largest number there in one day was 518, the smallest number 27.

Along the east coast, the Yulee, Fla., station checked 10,362 workers moving north, from April 19 thru June 21.



Something New

One new piece has been added to extension F/L information materials since the Information Program was published. It went into the mails late in August and is titled: "Association Management of Camps for Migratory Farm Workers", written by John D. Hervey, of the recruitment and placement division in the federal F/L office, and Jerome K. Pasto, association specialist, agricultural economics, N. Y. State College of Agriculture at Cornell Univ., Ithaca.

Other new pieces not yet thru the printing mill, include a supplement to the basic fact sheet and a manual with maps, titled: "A Preliminary Survey of Major Areas Requiring Outside Labor".

The supplementary Fact Sheet will be distributed about September 15.

A Sparkler

Sparkling among the 25 state F/L news letters being published this year is Colorado's "Farm Labor Items". Printed on goldenrod stock, and with a neatly lettered heading featuring a drawing of some of the state's agricultural products, it is well worth thoro study.

GUIDES - INFORMATION STATIONS LINK WORKERS AND FARM JOBS !

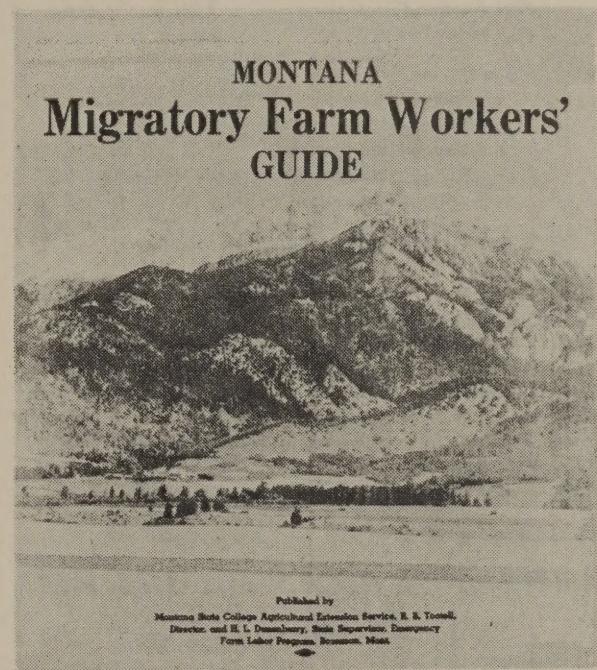
An expanded information service guiding many thousands of American workers to farm jobs is outstanding in Extension's '47 Farm Labor program. Thru state and federal cooperation, it is facilitating distribution of free-wheeling workers by keeping them informed about agriculture's current labor needs - where and when jobs are available, how many and what kind of workers are needed, for what period, prevailing wages, and conditions of living and employment. All this is vital in the successful replacement of the large number of prisoners of war and other imported foreign laborers.

The pace was set early in the year thru state-federal cooperation, when three regional harvest guides were published as new information tools, and a series of nearly 50 information stations was established as a supplementary service.

Collectively the guides contained general information concerning job opportunities in 31 states. The stations added the current information about day to day developments; kept the service up-to-date. As further supplementary service some of the states issued state harvest maps and guides, giving more local information than was contained in the regional guides. For instance, Texas told its workers about jobs in 13 other states and how to get there. It also issued a guide for its intrastate workers. California developed an attractive little folder directing job seekers to farm labor offices. Montana made unusual use of the official state highway map. South Dakota issued a special map to guide workers and combines to its grain fields. Arkansas built a guide around an information station at which it aimed to get workers. Copies of all these information pieces are with this supplement.

Montana's guide is worth special study because it shows how a cooperative program with the state highway department can be developed. Action at the time the current state highway map was being printed, provided it with an up-to-date map in colors, 21 by 28 inches, and on the reverse side an attractive folded page 1 in color plus a wealth of information about its farm jobs.

California's publication demonstrates how a story can be quickly yet effectively told. Texas' interstate guide is unusual because it is directed to a particular group of people - Latin American citizens of Texas who are addressed in Spanish. It serves as an introduction to liaison men who work with them in 13 states.



ALWAYS BE CAREFUL

IN THE ABC OF SAFETY, the most important letter is

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Watch for

Steps or floors with water, grease or oil on them.

All makeshift supports, such as boxes, barrels, chairs, tables, etc.

Fixed or loose objects on floors or stairs.

Extension cords that are loose.

Tailgates and sideboards that are not in place before starting truck.

Your body sticking outside truck's.

Floors that are uneven or in poor condition.

Intoxication—arguments—fights.

Rushing to get on or off before truck stops.

Sprains, strains and other injuries caused by improper lifting.

Tools, water barrels, etc., shifting when truck jolts them.

Printed in connection with the Farm Labor Program, Extension Service,
New York State College of Agriculture and Home Economics, Cornell University.



More than ever before, state farm labor programs are putting emphasis on safety. New York is doing it thru this attention compelling 11x14 poster, done in red and black on 6 ply white cardboard.

INFORMATION SERVICES PACE FARM LABOR PROGRAM!

Clippings and tear sheets received from the field indicate that state F/L supervisors and information assistants are doing top jobs with newspapers, magazines and radio in getting coverage for the Extension F/L program.

In the mid and far west, migratory labor programs and housing for farm workers are in the news spotlight. In great plains states, the wheat harvest has been receiving plenty of attention, with lots of color.

Latest evidence in this sweeping range of information service is found in a page feature in the July 20 magazine section of the Spokesman Review, at Spokane, Wash. It is done in color and includes two good illustrations featuring Extension information stations and F/L offices, and a well written story concerning the mechanics of the western migratory program and farmers' efforts in improving housing for these roving workers.

In Idaho, Washington and Oregon, there was excellent cooperation with Cowles publications in developing a splendid migratory labor and housing story, written by Gene MacNulty for farm magazines in each of the states.

Down Texas way, State Supervisor Hohn,

F/L informationist John McCully and Extension Editor Louis Franke collaborated in getting a whale of a lot of state coverage, including numerous P-1 stories for migratory labor programs just as they were getting into swing for the 1947 season.

Out in the tall corn country, Iowa's state F/L supervisor John Fitzsimmons has been harvesting a bumper crop of top flight coverage for his migratory labor, grain harvest and corn detasseling activities. In the grain harvest, four rich color pictures with live text featured Page 1 in a section of the August 17 issue, Des Moines Sunday Register.

What good press relations - as in Iowa - mean is demonstrated in a recent issue of the Des Moines Register-Tribune. It carried a 'letter to the editor' from an Oelwein man who was critical of the F/L program because youth "of tender years" are employed in corn fields. In a note at the end of the letter, the editor took care of this situation by pointing out that youngsters so employed must be at least 15 years old and must be at least 5 ft. 4 in. tall, and commented: "We doubt that these young people consider themselves as 'children of tender age'".

Thru cooperation between the Kansas grain harvest office and the Kansas City Star, daily and weekly, several bang up feature stories were developed in addition to the regular day to day coverage thru the harvest season.

In Nebraska, Jerome Srb, assistant state F/L supervisor, obtained highly valuable information support from press and radio for his corn detassel-

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GIRLS!! HELP!!

STRAWBERRY PICKERS NEEDED



Enjoy a profitable vacation—spend two weeks of beautiful Well Sweep Inn, situated in Andover, Connecticut

How—picking strawberries—6 hours daily
Rest of time free for rest and recreation

When—JUNE 14 to 27—time up for summer ahead

Where—Fruit farms in vicinity of Andover

Work, play and swim; camp life

Who—College and school girls 14 years of age or over anxious to aid in food production. Pickers get 6¢ a basket. Pay \$8.00 weekly board

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Connecticut did a swell job in developing material for recruiting berry pickers. A good halftone on high quality coated board lined up workers in jig time, State Supervisor Putnam reports.